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SUMMARY: IRMAK GOVT'S PROGRAM CONTAINS NO PROPOSALS FOR NEW DEPARTURES FROM ESTABLISHED POLICY. IT EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE THAT "BALANCED COOPERATION" WITH U.S. WILL CONTINUE.

ON POPPY PROBLEM, "NON-INCISION OF THE POPPY POD" IS GIVEN ENDORSEMENT "PROVIDED...THE INCOME OF THE FARMER IS HIGH".

AS REGARDS CYPRUS, TURKISH POLICY -- INCLUDING DESIRE FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT -- IS RESTATED, AND POSSIBILITY OF BETTER

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RELATIONS WITH GREECE UNDER NEW ATHENS GOVERNMENT IS

MENTIONED. FASTER MODERNIZATION OF ARMED FORCES IS STRESSED. IRMAK PROMISES GOVERNMENT WILL FOLLOW ANTI-INFLATIONARY POLICIES, WILL CONTINUE "MIXED" ECONOMIC SYSTEM (OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ENTERPRSE); AND WILL WELCOME FOREIGN INVESTMENT THAT SATISFIES TURKEY'S OBJECTIVES. AS TO EARLY ELECTIONS (ISSUE WICH IS WIDELY REGARDED AS CRITICAL TO WINNING VOTE OF CONFIDENCE), PROGRAM COMES OUT FOR PARLIAMENTARY DECISIONS "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" TO HOLD EARLY ELECTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING ARE SIGNIFICANT EXCERPTS FROM GOVERNMENT PROGRAM WHICH NEW PRIMIN SADI IRMAK PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT NOVEMBER 24 AS BASIS FOR REQUESTING INITIAL VOTE OF CONFIDENCE:

2. FOREIGN POLICY

A. RELATIONS WITH U.S.: "WE BELIEVE THAT OUR RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.A. WILL CONTINUE UNDER TODAY'S CONDITIONS ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, RESPECT, AND BALANCED COOPERATION, AND THAT THEY WILL BE INCREASINGLY CONSOLIDATED."

(IN SEPARATE SECTION:) "WE WILL CONTINUE TO PAY THE UTMOST ATTENTION TO RUNNING THE BILATERAL DEFENSE COOPERATION ... IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AIMS OF THE ALLIANCE AND THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE OBLIGATIONS OF COOPERATION BE MUTUAL AND BALANCED."

B. OPIUM POPPIES: "...WHILE APPROACHES TO A SOLUTION WILL BE FOLLOWED TO PUT AN END TO THE VICTIMIZATION OF THE FARMER THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHODS AND MEASURES WILL BE USED METICULOUSLY TO ALLAY TO HUMANE CONCERNS. AMONG THE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IS THE NON-INCISION OF THE POPPY POD, PROVIDED THAT ECONOMIC PRODUCTIVITY IS INCREASED AND THE INCOME OF THE FARMER IS HIGH."

C. TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS AND CYPRUS: TURKEY "HAS UNFORTUNATELY A NUMBER OF UNRESOLVED PROBLMS WITH ONE OF HER NEIGHBORS, GREECE. AT THE HEAD OF THESE, THE CYPRUS CONFLICT ... REMAINS GRAVE. THE DISAGREEMENT OVER THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE AEGEAN HAS NOT YET LOST ANY OF ITS IMPORTANCE EITHER ... ON EVERY OCCASION TURKEY HAS PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS... IN CYPRUS TURKEY IS NOT PURSUING THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY...IN THE SOLUTION OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CYPRUS PROBLEM WE WILL KEEP IN VIEW THE FOL POINTS: WE DO NOT WANT THE POLITICAL SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION TO BRING ANY CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF CYPRUS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD...THE SECOND POINT IS ENSURING THE SECURITY OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY IN CYPRUS WITHIN A STRONG AND CONSTANT CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER BASED ON EQUAL RIGHTS AND SUFFICIENT SAFEGUARDS...THE REALITY IS NOW GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT THE FEDERAL SYSTEM BASED ON A GEOGRAPHIC FOUNDATON IS THE ONLY SOLUTION. WITHIN THESE PRINCIPLES WE WANT THIS PROBLEM

TO BE SOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. WE CAN SAY IN GENERAL THAT THE REAL SOLUTION TO OUR CONFLICT WITH GREECE IS POSSIBLE ONLY WITH MUTUAL GOOD WILL AND RESPECT FOR RIGHTS. THE FUTURE OF GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS DEPENDS DECISIVELY ON THE REALIZATION OF THESE CONDITIONS. IF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WHICH CAME TO POWER IN THE LAST ELECTIONS SHARES THESE VIEWS, WE CAN LOOK TO THE FUTURE OF BOTH CYPRUS AND GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS WITH GREATER CONFIDENCE."

D. MIDDLE EAST: "...WE WILL CONTINUE TO UPHOLD THE CAUSE OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES...A BASIC CONDITION OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT IS THE RECOGNITION OF THE LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE..."

E. OTHER: THE PROGRAM ALSO STRESSES SUPPORT FOR DETENTE, AND, IN THIS CONTEXT, FOR MAINTAINING NATO STRENGTH. IT AFFIRMS TURKEY'S INTENTION TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (INCLUDING USSR), CENTO PARTNERS IRAN AND PAKISTAN, PRC, ARAB COUNTRIES, AND NON-ALIGNED.

3. DEFENSE: "...OUR BASIC TARGET WILL BE TO ATTAIN THE HIGHEST LEVEL NECESSITATED BY CONTEMPORARY TECHNOLOGY...IN THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES... EVERY POSSIBILITY WILL BE USED TO ALLOCATE NEW RESOURCES TO OUR MODERNIZATION PROGRAM IN VIEW OF THE ARMAMENT EFFORTS OF REGIONAL COUNTRIES--ESPECIALLY WITH THE CYPRUS CONFLICT-- THAT ARE LIKELY TO UPSET THE MILITARY BALANCE, THE NEW REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEFENSE STRATEGY OF THE ALLIANCE...THE NECESSITY OF REINFORCING OUR WAR STOCKS, AND COST INCREASES...MAKING A REALITY OF THE NATIONAL WAR INDUSTRY SECTOR WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH PRIORITY..."

4. DOMESTIC POLITICS

A. EARLY ELECTIONS: "...OUR GOVERNMENT...FINDS A
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NATIONAL UTILITY, EVEN A COMPULSION, FOR THE RENEWAL OF ELECTIONS AND PARLIAMENT'S DECIDING UPON THESE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE..."

B. OWN ROLE: THIS IS "INTERIM GOVT" WHICH IS READY TO STEP DOWN AT ANY TIME POLITICAL PARTIES SUCCEED IN FORMING A COALITION. PRESENT GOVT IS NOT A COALITION AND REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY, ALTHOUGH IT HAS FOUR MEMBERS IN CABINET, IS NOT THEREFORE TO BE CONSIDERED COALITION PARTNER.

5. ECONOMIC POLICIES:

A. PUBLIC/PRIVATE SECTOR: THE IRMAK GOVT PLEDGED TO FOLLOW THE MIXED ECONOMIC SYSTEM OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. WHILE FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT IS WELCOME UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS CONSIST-

ENT WITH TURKISH DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND OBJECTIVES, IRMAK ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT "THE OBJECTIVE OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH MINIMAL DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN RESOURCES."

B. GOVT ANTI-INFLATIONARY POLICIES: IRMAK EMPHASIZED THAT THE RAPID INCREASE IN PRICES THREATENS TO "OVERWHELM THE CITIZENS." HIS GOVT WILL ATTEMPT TO ELIMINATE PRODUCTION BOTTLENECKS, IMPROVE THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, AND INCREASE GOODS IN SHORT SUPPLY BY USE OF IMPORT POLICIES. THE 1975 BUDGET WHICH THE IRMAK GOVT IS PREPARING FOR PRESENTATION TO PARLIAMENT AND THE MONETARY AND CREDIT POLICIES OF THE NEW GOVT "WILL BE AIMED AT ACCELERATING OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUPPORT THE PRICE STABILITY PROGRAM."

C. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT: IRMAK PROMISED TO CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MONETARY AND CAPITAL GOODS INDUSTRIES. GOVT INCENTIVES WILL BE USED TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PLANT AND INFRA-STRUCTURE IN UNDERDEVELOPED REGIONS IN TURKEY. "INTEREST RATE MECHANISMS" WILL BE USED TO "REGULATE CONSUMPTION AND ENCOURAGE THE CHANNELING OF SAVINGS INTO THE PRODUCTIVE SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY."
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